

Remarks

The above preliminary amendment is made to cancel claims 5, 7 and 25-28 without prejudice or disclaimer. Amendments have been made to claims 1, 23, and 37 to more clearly recite Applicants' invention. Amendments have been made to claims 6, 8-10, 29-30, 32, and 35 so as to depend from a pending claim.

Applicants note that the above amendments have not been made to overcome an art based rejection made by the Examiner in this Application. Accordingly, such amendments should not be construed in a limiting manner for the purposes of determining the scope of the claims under the doctrine of equivalents.

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Brian H. Batzli (Reg. No. 32,960), at (612) 336-4755.

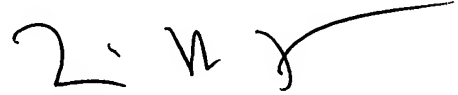


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